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**MINUTES OF THE FORTY-FOURTH
MEETING OF THE ACADEMIC
COUNCIL OF WBNUJS**

held on

29th August, 2022 at 3 P.M.

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held on 29th August, 2022 at Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan, 12 LB Block, Sector – III, Salt Lake,
Kolkata – 700106.**

The forty fourth meeting of the Academic Council was held on Monday, 29th August, 2022 at Dr. Ambedkar Bhavan, Salt Lake, Kolkata – 700106.

The following members were present:-

- 1. PROF. DR. NIRMAL KANTI CHAKRABARTI**
Vice-Chancellor, Chairman, Academic Council, WBNUJS, Kolkata.
- 2. PROF. INDRAJIT DUBE**
Professor, Rajiv Gandhi School of IP Law, IIT, Kharagpur, Member, Academic Council.
- 3. PROF. (DR.) ARUP KUMAR PODDAR**
Member, Academic Council.
- 4. PROF. DR. SRIKRISHNA DEVA RAO**
Vice-Chancellor, NLU Delhi, Member, Academic Council.
- 5. SHRI ASOKE DEB**
Member, BCI, WB & MLA, Member, Academic Council.
- 6. PROF. DR. TVGNS SUDHAKAR**
Member, Academic Council
- 7. PROF. DR. SREENIVASULU N.S.**
Member, Academic Council.
- 8. PROF. DR. ANIRBAN MAZUMDER**
Member, Academic Council.
- 9. PROF. DR. SANDEEPA BHAT B.**
Member, Academic Council.
- 10. PROF. DR. KAVITA SINGH**
Member, Academic Council.
- 11. DR. LOVELY DASGUPTA**
Member, Academic Council.
- 12. DR. ATUL ALEXANDER**
Member, Academic Council.

The following were present as Special Invitee:

- 1. DR. RAJASHREE BANERJEE**
Controller of Examinations
- 2. DR. ANKIT SRIVASTAVA**
Associate Professor, School of Forensic Science, WBNUJS

SMT. SIKHA SEN, REGISTRAR (ACTING), WBNUJS, was also present in the Academic Council Meeting.

The following members were absent in the meeting:

- 1. PROF. DR. MANOJ KUMAR SINHA**
Member, Academic Council.
- 2. MR. B. BADONIYA**
Director, CFSL Kolkata, Member, Academic Council.
- 3. DR. BIKRAMJIT DE**
Member, Academic Council.
- 4. PROF. SAIKAT MAITRA**
Vice-Chancellor, MAKAUT, West Bengal, Member, Academic Council.
- 5. PROF. DR. S.S. SINGH**
Former Vice-Chancellor, NLIU Bhopal, Member, Academic Council.
- 6. PROF. DR. RATHIN BANDYOPADHYAY**
Professor & Former Head, Dept. of Law, University of North Bengal,
Member, Academic Council.
- 7. MS. ANKITA CHAKRAVARTY**
Member, Academic Council.

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At the outset, the Chairman of the Academic Council welcomed and greeted the members.

Following issues were discussed and disposed of accordingly.

Agenda	Resolution
<p>1. <u>Confirmation of the minutes of the 43rd Academic Council Meeting dated 28/06/2022 -</u></p> <p>Attached herewith is the minutes of the 43rd Academic Council meeting dated 28/06/2022 for the perusal and confirmation, pls.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure – I</p>	<p>Resolved the Minutes of the 43rd Academic Council Meeting held on 28/06/2022 is confirmed.</p>
<p>2. <u>Revision/Amendment of existing Ph.D Regulations -</u></p> <p>Attached herewith please find the proposed revision/amendment of the existing Ph.D Regulations 2020 as the revision/amendment was required to be carried out for the smooth administration of the Ph.D Programme.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure – II</p>	<p>After due deliberation among the members it was resolved that the Supervisor will submit six names of external examiners for evaluation of the thesis of the Research Scholar guided by him/her. The Supervisor shall submit six names of examiners according to the subject and specialization area of the thesis.</p> <p>Further resolved that Vice Chancellor also may add experts in the relevant subject area, if the list submitted by the Supervisor appeared not sufficient.</p> <p>The format of certificates are approved and Vice Chancellor is authorised to make necessary corrections needed.</p> <p>Further it was resolved the certificate declaration as enclosed with this agenda to be declared by the Research Scholar and to be counter signed by the Supervisor. The certificates attached with this agenda to be modified accordingly.</p>

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	<p>It is further resolved that modified certificates and necessary amendments carried out by the existing regulations shall be placed before the Academic Council in its subsequent meeting.</p>
<p>3. <u>Provision of Post Doctoral Fellowship –</u></p> <p>The University would like to institute a few Post Doctoral Fellowship to students of WBNUJS.</p> <p>Details of eligibility for the fellowship is annexed for the perusal and approval of the Honourable members.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure – III</p>	<p>The agenda was deliberated among the members. Resolved to modify the following provisions of the proposal:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i) Joint publication by the Research Scholar and Supervisorii) New project proposal to be vetted by external examineriii) Eligibility age for Post Doctoral Fellowship is extended upto 40 years maximum for all candidates alongwith two minimum publications required as one of the eligibility conditions for Post Doctoral Fellowship and the publications should be listed under SCOPUS, UGC Carelist, WASH i.e., ADDC, Webex etc. <p>The candidate is required to prepare innovative project/future research proposals also.</p> <p>With these modifications as mentioned above the Hon'ble members approved the proposal.</p>

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4. Amendments in LL.B. Examination & Academic Regulations 2020 in the 43rd

Academic Council Meeting –

The consolidated Examinations & Academic Regulations, 2020 for LL.B. programme after due incorporation of the recommended and approved amendments/ revision in the same regulations is put up for the perusal and rectification of the honourable members.

Submitted.

Annexure – IV

Following sub agendas also merge along with this agenda 7 (a) and 7 (b).

Due deliberation was made on this agenda. The Hon'ble members after due consideration suggested to constitute a three-member Committee with the following members:

- 1) Prof. A.K. Poddar, Convenor
- 2) Prof. Anirban Mazumdar, Member
- 3) Prof. Sandeepa Bhat B., Member

The Committee is to examine and recommend the suggestions as put up by the SJA regarding amendments in existing 10 point grade scale of LL.B. Regulations and alternate suggestions for Batch 2025 onwards in LL.B. programme.

The Committee as constituted requested to submit the report and recommendations within 15 days from the approval and receipt of approved minutes to the Chairman of the Academic Council.

Further resolved that internal components of marks (40/50) be informed by the concerned teacher(s) to the students at least seven days before the End Semester Examinations.

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<p>5. <u>Amendments in LL.M. Academic and Examination Regulations, 2020 -</u></p> <p>The consolidated Examinations & Academic Regulations, 2020 for LL.M. programme after due incorporation of the recommended and approved amendments/ revision in the same regulations is put up for the perusal and rectification of the honourable members.</p> <p>Submitted.</p> <p>Annexure – V</p>	<p>The matter was discussed and it was found the necessary amendments as approved in the 43rd Academic Council Meeting, were not incorporated in the existing LL.M. Academic and Examination Regulations, 2020.</p> <p>It was resolved to incorporate necessary amendments as per minutes of the 43rd Academic Council Meeting in the existing LL.M. Regulations and be placed it before the Academic Council in its next meeting. The complete Regulation of LL.M. course be considered with any corrections or changes required.</p>
<p>6. <u>Conduct of Bridge course in Law of one/two year (as the case may be) for students recommended by B.C.I. who have obtained a Foreign Law degree which is required to be equated with an Indian LL.B. degree before the concerned student can be permitted to appear in the Qualifying Examination for Indian National Holding Foreign Law degree for the purpose of enrolment in the Indian Bar –</u></p> <p>The Bar Council of India (BCI) vide its letter dated Reference No. BCI:D:3932/2022 dated 27/07/2022 and 02/08/2022 as 04/08/2022 (enclosed as annexure) has forwarded several names of several students who have obtained foreign Law degree</p>	<p>The proposal was discussed at length among the members. It was resolved that</p> <p>i) The syllabus of BCI Guidelines as prescribed by the Bar Council of India vide its letter no. BCI:D:4072/2022/Council/Acad 2022 dated 02/08/2022 to be followed for conducting the Bridge course. The syllabus of Bridge Course would be same as we have adopted for B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) courses. The subjects to be prescribed for the students would be as per circulation of the B.C.I. from time to time. The present subjects are as follows:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Indian Legal and Judicial Systems2. Constitution of India3. Criminal Procedure Code

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but unable to enrol themselves in Indian Bar as it is not equated with an Indian LL.B. degree and BCI granted permission/direction to undergo Bridge course of 02/01 year. WBNUJS has been earmarked and nominated by the BCI conduct to conduct as one of the Law University such Bridge course.

As NUJS is ready to accept the direction of the BCI to conduct the said Bridge course, following are the requirement to conduct such course.

1. Detailed syllabus for each semester of 01 yr./02 yr. Bridge course within the syllabus provided by the BCI.

2. Preparation of Fee structure (semester wise).

Matter is put up for the perusal and direction of the honourable members.

Submitted.

Annexure – VI

4. Civil Procedure Code and Limitation Act
5. Indian Law of Evidence
6. Property Law
7. Professional Ethics
8. Optional Papers
9. Contract Law & Negotiable Instruments Act
10. Company Law
11. Indian Penal Code

ii) Regarding fee structure (semester wise) for the students of Bridge course who would likely to undergo said course in the NUJS will be decided as per the direction of the Finance Committee of the University.

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<p>7. <u>Amendments in 10 point grade scale LL.B. Regulations and alternate suggestions for batch 2025 onwards in LL.B. programme -</u></p> <p>Placed below is the representation of the Students Juridical Association (SJA) of NUJS requesting for change of 10 point grade scale and alternative suggestions for batches 2025 onwards dated 13/08/2022 and subsequent direction to place it before the forthcoming Academic Council Meeting which is being held on 29/08/2022.</p> <p>Placed below the said letter of the SJA for perusal and direction on recommended proposed grading scale in the said letter.</p> <p>Submitted for perusal and direction please.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure – VII</p>	<p>The agenda is merged with the agenda no. 4 and resolved accordingly.</p>
<p>8. <u>Introduction of B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) in Forensic Science-</u></p> <p>WBNUJS would like to introduce B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) in Forensic Science as a separate stream as an Integrated graduate programme in Law. Details of course structure, subjects to be taught during this Five years Integrated Programme is placed before for perusal and direction of the Hon'ble members. We have already started M.Sc. in</p>	<p>The Hon'ble members appreciated the efforts of the University in respect of introduction of B.Sc. LL.B. (Hons.) in Forensic Science and approved it in principle to introduce the course with effect from 2023-24 Academic Session with the detailed syllabus as placed with this agenda with inclusion of two subjects that is Contract – I (General) and Contract – II (Specific Contract).</p> <p>Further resolved that Vice Chancellor is authorised to constitute an Expert Committee to finalize the syllabus and Regulations and to place the recommendations of the</p>

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<p>Forensic Sciences. Hence we have not to recruit Faculties for this U.G. programme.</p> <p>Submitted.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure – VIII</p>	<p>Committee before the Academic Council for approval.</p>
<p>9. <u>Amendment in LL.M. Regulations – International and Comparative Law -</u></p> <p>In July 2021 under the British Council Go-Global Programme the Kings College, London, WBNUJS & Jindal Global Law University have been awarded a project for developing International Curriculum on Environmental Law during 2021-22. Accordingly all these three Universities met virtually and conducted a virtual meeting on a course on “Transnational Remedies for Environmental harm with Clinical Legal Education”.</p> <p>It is also decided that the course be the part of LL.M. programme in the respective Universities. The syllabus and other details are attached as annexure.</p> <p>It is proposed that this paper would be included in our LL.M. programme in International and</p>	<p>The proposal regarding amendment in LL.M. Regulations – International and Comparative Law has been perused and considered by the Hon’ble members.</p> <p>Resolved to approve as proposed additional paper Transnational Remedies in Environmental Laws as Compulsory Elective is approved with all the components and pedagogy agreed upon by WBNUJS, Kings College London and Jindal Global University.</p>

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<p>Comparative Law group and would be taught in 2nd semester as compulsory elective course to be started in January, 2023. It is also suggested that the course would be taught simultaneously in these Institutes by Resource person among all three Institutes.</p> <p>Submitted for your perusal and approval please.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure – IX</p>	
<p>10. <u>Admission of degree to the Ph.D -</u></p> <p>The following Research Scholar has successfully completed and declared successful to be admitted to Ph.D:</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Degree</u></p> <p>1. Ms. Madhubanti Sadhya Ph.D</p> <p>Submitted for perusal and direction of the Hon'ble members.</p>	<p>Resolved to approve admission of degree of Doctor of Philosophy in Law (Ph.D) in respect of Ms. Madhubanti Sadhya.</p>
<p>11. <u>Introduction of Diploma and Certificate courses</u></p> <p>(i) <u>Proposal for post Graduate Diploma Programme in Business Law (PGDBL) -</u></p> <p>One year Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Business Laws for the entrepreneurs, executive working in the corporate sectors and others to be conducted through a flexible pedagogy and contact classes to be held at NUJS campus. Experts in the field from all over the country along with NUJS faculty will be involved in teaching the Diploma students.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure</p>	<p>Perused and approved the conduct of offline Post Graduate Diploma Programme in Business Law (PGDBL) as put up in the agenda before the Academic Council.</p>

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<p>(ii) <u>03 Month Certificate course in GST Law and Practice -</u></p> <p>3 months certificate course in GST Law and Practice in our country with an aim to acquaint the students with the current legal regime and general principles governing GST in hybrid mode.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Annexure</p>	<p>The Hon'ble members perused the proposal and appreciated the efforts to introduce the Certificate course in GST Law and Practice as it is an emerging subject.</p> <p>Resolved to approve the proposal to conduct the Certificate Course in GST Law and Practice with following modifications:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1) It will be an offline course.2) It will be six months certificate course instead of three months.
<p><u>12. Establishment of Research and Development Cell in WBNUJS -</u></p>	<p>Letter has been received from the Universities Grants Commission (UGC) vide its Letter No. 1-5/2021 (NEP/Desk-Parl.) dated 21st July, 2022.</p> <p>The Hon'ble members discussed the contents of the said letter of the UGC dated 21st July, 2022.</p> <p>The proposal to establish Research and Development (R&D) Cell at WBNUJS was considered and approved by the Academic Council.</p> <p>The Vice Chancellor is requested to take necessary steps to implement the UGC Guidelines at the earliest.</p>
<p><u>13. Any other matters -</u></p>	<p>Feedback forms to the students of B.A. LL.B. (Hons.) course be sent and submitted 15 days prior to circulation of internal component marks by teachers.</p>

There being no further points, the meeting ended at 5:40 P.M.

The Chairman thanked all the members for their presence and rendering valuable opinions in the said meeting.


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Mrs. Sikha Sen
Registrar (Acting)


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Prof. N.K. Chakrabarti
Vice Chancellor